Himachal Pradesh Government to the Ministry of Water Resources seeking financial assistance after getting the approval of Planning Commission alongwith the financial and administrative approval of Himachal Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and by when a final decision in this regard is proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposal on "Swan River Flood Management and Integrated Land Development" at an estimated cost of Rs. 123.93 crore envisaging construction of embankments and Spurs on both banks of Swan river in 16.67 kilometres length from Santokhgarh bridge to Jhalera bridge in Una district of Himachal Pradesh was received in the Ministry of Water Resources in January 2002 for financial assistance from Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). The proposal was processed and recommended to the Department of Economic Affairs on 4.3.2002 for onward transmission to JBIC. The proposal could not be shortlisted for financial year 2003 loan package of Government of Japan. In view of the request of the State Government, Government of India has again recommended the proposal to JBIC for consideration under financial year 2004 loan package. The assistance for project depends on the decision of the Government of Japan on selection of the project.

**Completion of irrigation projects**

2222. SHRI MATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the steps Government have taken for the completion of all ongoing irrigation projects on a war footing by allocation of adequate funds to the States and proper maintenance and running of the existing irrigation projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): The allocation of funds to the States is made by the Planning Commission as plan allocations *vis-a-vis* demands of the States in the form of block loans and grants not tied to any individual sector or project. Allocation to various sectors including irrigation are thereafter made by State Governments themselves. Irrigation being a state subject the irrigation projects are planned, formulated, executed, funded and maintained by the State Governments out of their own resources and as per their priorities.

The completion of the ongoing irrigation project depends on the allocation of funds and the priority assigned to the project by the State Governments. For completion, of the major and medium irrigation projects which are in an advanced stage of completion and beyond the resources capability of the State Governments the Central Government launched the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) during 1996-1997. Since inception of this programme, an amount of Rs. 14,670 crore has been released as Central Loan Assiatance under this programme for 181 major/medium and 3810 Surface Minor Irrigation Schemes. The Government now envisages to complete all the ongoing irrigation projects within 3-4 years.

**Implementation of Water Projects**

† 2223. DR.MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to implement the projects relating to increasing water supply, renovation of reservoirs, rain water harvesting and controlling the flood water;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any action plan on the above matters and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Water is a State subject and implementation of projects is planned, funded and executed by the States from their own funds as per their priority.

During the 10$^{th}$ Plan a Centrally Sponsored Scheme proposed to be taken up with an outlay of Rs. 175 crore to construct 5088 artificial recharge structures under different hydro geological setups within an objective to recharge 255 mcm of water. The various types of ground water recharge and rainwater harvesting structures envisaged under the schemes include, Percolation Tanks, Check Dam, Nala Bunds/Weir/ Anicuts, Recharge Shaft/Trench/Pit with/without injection wells, Subsurface Dyke/Dams, Revival/Desilting of Ponds, Revival of Springs, Roof top Rain Water Harvesting Structures with/without Recharge well, Tidal Regulators and Injection wells and Filter Beds.

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